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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Bruno Murari, Benedetto Vigna, and Paolo Ferrari
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Filed : June 19, 1998
For : HERMETICALLY-SEALED SENSOR WITH A MOVABLE MICROSTRUCTURE

Examiner : Helen C. Kwok
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT


Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Applicants hereby respond to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 9, 1999, in the above-referenced application. The Examiner identified claims 1-7 and 12-20 drawn to a sensor with a movable structure as a device or product and claims 8-11 as drawn to a method of producing the device or product.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-7 and 12-20 drawn to a sensor with a movable microstructure. Applicants hereby reserve the right to pursue claims 8-11, which are drawn to a method of producing sensors of movable microstructures, by way of a divisional application at a later date.

In the event the Examiner finds minor issues that can be resolved by telephone, she is urged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative by telephone at (206) 622-4900. Otherwise, Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-7 and 12-20, which are now remaining in this application, be examined for patentability, and that claims 8-11 be withdrawn from consideration.

Respectfully submitted,
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